

Department: Department of Health and Welfare

Sponsor: Troy

Division: Division of Welfare

Description: Child Care Development Block Grant Funding from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

1. Background:

This is an additional request by the Department of Health and Welfare to spend funds allocated to the state for child care from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), which was signed in to law on March 11, 2021. In ARPA there are three separate federal grants that IDHW uses to pay for different child care programs; one of those grants is the Child Care Development Block Grant. The enhancement to the Child Care Development Block Grant is a total of \$86,856,000 that must be spent by September 30, 2024.

This fund source can be used in the following ways: support programs designed to support children 0-13 years old as long as the program meets one of the Child Care and Development Fund guidelines. It is not limited to Idaho Child Care Program certified or licensed child care providers and may include programs such as literacy programs, kindergarten readiness, after-school programs etc. including programs such as the Boys and Girls Club.

2. Additional Appropriation for FY 2021:

Fund	Type	OT	FTP	PC	OE	CO	TB	Total
0220-02	Fed	✓	0.00	\$ -	\$ 5,200,000	\$ -	\$ 30,800,000	\$ 36,000,000

3. Actions:

Reopen *I request unanimous consent to reopen the fiscal year 2021 budget for the Department of Health and Welfare, Division of Welfare.*

Motion: *I move for fiscal year 2021, for the Department of Health and Welfare in the Division of Welfare, an additional \$36,000,000 in onetime funds from the Cooperative Welfare (Federal) Fund.*

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Language: *I request unanimous consent to accept the language as shown on the screen:*

SECTION __. Of the moneys appropriated in Section 1 of this act, \$36,000,000 shall be used for community provider grants to address COVID-19 pandemic impacts on school-aged children, including learning loss. Community provider grants shall be used only for in-person educational and enrichment activities that focus on student needs and for providing behavioral health supports to address student needs. Grants shall be used for serving school-aged participants ages 5-13, as allowable by federal guidance. The Department of Health and Welfare shall require grant applications from community providers that are in compliance with grant guidelines. Priority will be given to grant applications that include professional staff to provide services directly to participants. Grant amounts shall be: up to \$500,000 for community providers who have a statewide presence; up to \$250,000 for community providers who have a regional presence in one part of the state; and up to \$20,000 for community providers with a local presence. There shall be five grant periods. Grants shall be released not later than June 1, 2021, for summer 2021 grants; September 1, 2021, for fall 2021 grants; January 1, 2022, for spring 2022 grants; and May 1, 2022, for summer 2022 grants. All spending for this purpose shall conclude by June 30, 2022.

SECTION __. REAPPROPRIATION AUTHORITY. There is hereby reappropriated to the Department of Health and Welfare for the Division of Welfare any unexpended and unencumbered balances appropriated to the Department of Health and Welfare for the Division of Welfare from the Cooperative Welfare (Federal) Fund for child care community partner grants for fiscal year 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000,000 from the Cooperative Welfare (Federal) Fund, to be used for nonrecurring expenditures related to child care community partner grants for the period July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. The Office of the State Controller shall confirm the reappropriation amount, by fund, expense class, and program, with the Legislative Services Office prior to processing the reappropriation authorized herein.